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NOTES

HAVANA ON SENATOR CHURCH VISIT: Havana has only briefly acknowledged Senator Frank Church's 8-11 visit to Cuba and has made no mention of Castro's reported pledge to Church that American citizens resident in Cuba and their Cuban families would be permitted to leave. Nor have Cuban media reported Castro's subsequent telegram to Church, announced by the senator on the 14th, in which he said he would free two U.S. citizens held in Cuban jails. This visit was first mentioned in a "Letter from Freddy" commentary, apparently prepared before the senator's visit but not broadcast until the 10th, which heralded Church's impending arrival. The Freddy letter--a device long used by authoritative commentator Guido Garcia Inclan to discuss U.S.-Cuban issues--linked the Church visit with Administration policy, calling it one more step in the "proposed program of the Carter government" on U.S.-Cuban relations. Havana's only other reference to the visit also tied the Church visit to official U.S. moves. Havana's international service on the 12th cited Ambassador Andrew Young as saying, during his recent visit to Guyana, that Church's visit and the U.S.-Cuban fishing agreement signed last April were examples of the progress being made in improving relations.

CUBA, USSR ON CHILEAN SECURITY AGENCY: Chile's 12 August announcement that the National Intelligence Directorate (DINA) would be replaced by an agency with considerably circumscribed powers was ridiculed by Havana and Moscow as a meaningless gesture designed to please visiting U.S. Assistant Secretary Terence Todman. Claiming that the new National Information Center will function in exactly the same way as the DINA, Havana domestic service commentator Rafael Berastegui said on the 12th that Pinochet was "merely changing the collar" on his favorite police dog in order to impress Todman. Similarly, TASS observer Yevgeniy Babenko asserted on 15 August that the abolition of the DINA was only a smokescreen and that the "executioners of the Chilean people remain executioners." Babenko did not refer directly to Todman's visit, but earlier that day TASS had quoted Todman as saying that he had found progress on the human rights issue, a remark TASS interpreted as evidence of Washington's "open support" for the Santiago government. In the wake of Western press reports that U.S. envoys have found improved conditions in Chile, Soviet media have recently stepped up their criticism of U.S.-Chilean ties, IZVESTIYA's V. Lapskiy claiming on the 9th that the U.S. "ovation" for Pinochet's announcement that elections would be held several years hence was proof of the hypocrisy of Washington's "noisy campaign" in defense of human rights.